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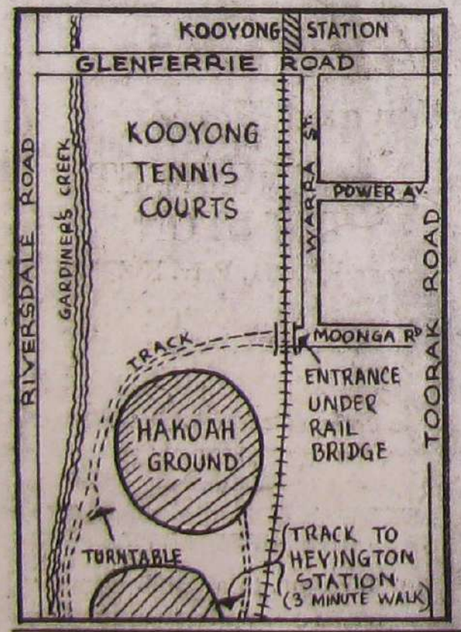

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BLACKPOOL WINS F.A. CUP

The 1953 F.A. Cup Final will go down in history as one of the most dramatic ever played. Those hardy souls who listened in to the midnight broadcast last Saturday were treated to a description which made the hours of waiting well worth while.

Kicking off, Bolton moved the ball smartly towards the Blackpool goal. As the danger became obvious we were enthralled to hear a B.B.C. announcer chop in to give the weather report to the British Everest Expedition, and it was not until some minutes later that we realised that Lofthouse (the England centre-forward) had scored for Bolton within 90 seconds of the start.

Mortenson equalised for Blackpool, but at half time Bolton once again led by two goals to one. Shortly after the resumption Bolton went further ahead to lead three to one, but Mortenson came back to sink a cross from Matthews to bring Blackpool's score to two goals. Four minutes from time it seemed to be all over, when from a free kick just outside the penalty area, Mortenson scored direct and brought Blackpool on even terms.

So close was the final whistle that extra time seemed certain to be played, when Matthews made one of his dazzling runs down the wing and slung a cross right across the goalmouth for Perry, Blackpool's South African outside-left, to score the winning goal. As the ball was kicked off, the whistle went for full time and Stanley Matthews had at last realised his dream to win a Cup Winner's Medal and Blackpool had won the Cup for the first time.

As a non-supporter of either club, I still was thrilled to hear the Matthews-Mortenson wing come into its own. Two goals were scored from Matthews' centres, while Mortenson sank three goals personally. What a game!

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

After a flat spot caused by the Anzac Day suspension of fixtures, there were a few surprises in the round of League games last week. Hakoah could only manage to down Footscray City by the only goal of the game. Moreland beat Box Hill by three clear goals, and so drew clear of the dangerous second last place now being shared by Box Hill and Yallourn. Park Rangers still has to notch a point, and the position of that club is not a happy one at the moment. Juventus with a 4-3 success over Prahran maintains its place at the head of League I.

In the Second Division South Yarra heavily defeated White Eagles and maintains an unbeaten record to be top. Geelong dropped below South Melbourne and Polonia as a result of the defeat at home by the latter team.

The two Sunshine teams—United and City—played a 4-all draw at Sunshine. These two clubs will be all out to avoid relegating to Division 3. That would indeed be a tragedy for two one-time First Division clubs.

Northcote look like displacing Fairfield at the top of Division 3 on goal average. Neither team has yet lost a point and the struggle is very keen in this division.

Hellenic, leading in Division 4, also had another victory. This time it was at the expense of Nunawading. Union Jack maintained its place at the bottom with a colossal defeat of 17-1 from Nunawading.

Victoria Police, having a bye, travelled to Ballarat to play the Ballarat association representative team and downed the country eleven—3-2.

Olympic Park was crowded on Sunday to see a selected State team battle with J.U.S.T. A good game was enjoyed by all. There were a lot of good balls that could have been goals going to waste on the State forward line. J.U.S.T. played hard and gave the select boys excellent practice.

The position regarding the proposed visit of a Swedish team to Australia is still no clearer and at present we are not able to give readers any further news. It is to be hoped that the tour does come off, for it is two years since we last had a visit from an international side. There is no doubt that such tours make the game.

The innovation of playing junior games as curtain-raisers at Olympic Park on Sundays has been well received. The standard of football dished out by the youngsters last Sunday left little to be desired. Spectators generally were fully satisfied.

Country football grows apace, and rumors of a soccer league at Swan Hill have reached us. The more the merrier. The more the round-ball is seen the more the game will spread.

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THE LOST LEGION

FROM BILL FLEMING

Where are the shining schoolboy stars of yesterday? What has happened to the boys so carefully nursed by the Junior Association and prepared as players of the future?

Too many clubs are far too eager to snap up importations who arrive in this country with a fistful of credentials—which, incidentally, don't mean a thing. But they do not go out their way to give the local boy a go. Is this fair?

The Soccer Association has created a directorship of school soccer. What is the good of it if the young players passing out of the Junior Association are discarded?

We hear of the Under 14 stars, the Under 17 stars, the Under 19 stars, but then they vanish into the limbo of forgotten things in a cloud of glory. This seems to me to indicate we are not doing the right thing and the fair thing by our youngsters.

A competitive spirit between clubs and the winning of premierships is excellent, but the fostering of soccer is much more important.

How many clubs today are making players instead of acquiring them? I know of one club in the First Division, which as long as I can remember has never made a player, and two more that are not even fielding junior teams this year.

Take the case of young Vernon Brooker—international schoolboy champion who won his Australian blazer, which many senior players have yet to achieve. He played for Australia against New Zealand, but was allowed to drift away. Australian Rules gave Max Jeavons, of Preston, his chance when senior soccer failed to find him a suitable place. These are but two isolated instances out of hundreds.

Every Technical School in the metropolitan area is now playing soccer, which is an achievement. The Association's scheme to promote soccer in the schools was excellent, but it was a wasted effort unless we provide a bridge for the years between. Establishment of an Intermediate League could be that bridge. This would provide a well-balanced introduction to senior soccer and would allow the Association to retain its grip on the scores of youngsters who have become soccer minded during their school days, if the intermediate league was kept strictly for this purpose.

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Europe Calling

By CHARLES WALKER

We hear so much these days about the necessity to promote junior soccer in Australia. They say that the juniors are prospective senior players, and have to be looked after, coached, and kept in clubs to take the places of retired seniors. We hear it year after year, and nothing ever happens. There is hardly any senior team in the first or second Division which can boast that it has last year's juniors in its first or reserve team.

Who is to blame for this mismanagement? Is it only a local malady, or does the same problem exist in other countries too?

We have run the junior competition in the same pattern for the past fifty years, so it occurred to me that it is a sufficiently long trial period for us to make up our minds as to the wisdom of following the same pattern without getting any results.

The continental junior soccer in most countries is based on two organisations. First of all, schools, and to a minor degree, clubs.

Boys start to play in competitions when they are about twelve years of age and we see two or three teams in the same grade competing not only for their class championship, but also playing teams of the same grade from other schools. The more serious affair starts when the boys are fifteen; they then play for their school championship, competing against boys of sixteen and seventeen years old. It is of course not always the seventeen year olds who win.

After they have finished their school fixtures, they play in the inter-school championships, and it was always a great honour to be selected to play for one's school.

Clubs play a smaller part than do schools in developing junior soccer. The reason for this is that, firstly, some schools do prohibit their boys from joining clubs, thinking that seniors have a bad influence on the juniors, and, secondly, in most countries, the teams are graded as first, second and third teams, etc., without worrying about the age of the players. So, we see boys of seventeen or eighteen in the first team, though according to their age they are still juniors and, conversely, older boys in the lower teams; it depends of course on their ability.

Many boys who did not join clubs were lost to soccer, but a large number transferred to clubs when finishing school (or before, depending on their headmaster's permission), continuing to play their beloved sport.

We in Australia have to do something more for juniors than we are doing now. I was very happy indeed to hear the other day that the Director of School Soccer (Mr. Dixon) has a new scheme to develop the junior game properly; that is certainly great news, but the aim can only be achieved by the wholehearted support of our Soccer Association, Junior Association (incidentally, in my opinion, there is no need for two bodies to run the same branch of the sport), and the schools.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

The season has ended and Scotland can reflect on what has probably been her best post-war year in soccer. The general standard of play is slowly improving. England was beaten in the League international and morally licked at Wembley. The results I hope will give the necessary boost to next season. Minus Cox, McColl, and Simpson, injured, and Woodburn, under suspension, Rangers won the Cup and look like being League champions once again. Being a Motherwell man, my interest lies at the bottom of the League table, and the last few Sunday nights, around 8.45 o'clock, I could be found sweating over a hot radio battery to get the results on short wave.

For some players the close season is a well-earned rest, but for others it means a packing of bags and scurrying off to tour in a foreign clime. There has been an unprecedented demand for Scottish teams. Most of the first-class teams have been booked months ahead. But the fondness of foreign countries for Scots teams is so great that even secondary juveniles have been invited abroad. Greystone Rovers (Dumfries) is touring Norway, and Edinburgh-Waverley the Low Countries in July. But how's this for juvenile initiative? Glentyan Thistle (sounds like a shinty team) has sought and been given permission to have its games televised ! ! Who said juveniles? My conscience pricks me. Where is Glentyan, anyway?

Scotland's team for Wembley was greeted with the usual Sassenach crack about fielding a team by permission of the Football Association. I hear they may change the name after the display at Wembley. The "no sense of humor" English fail to realise that the players are sold to England and then used to beat the best England can produce. It is an old Scotch custom to have your cake and eat it, too!

Home-based Scots are not so keen on going to England now. What with a wage ceiling and full-time professionalism, a player is better off in Scotland. So now the English clubs are withdrawing their agents from north of the Cheviots. This stay-at-home idea should improve Scottish football and help the English player, too. They should have more chance of getting a game in their own country. With players out, England turns to managers and we find Scott Symon leaving the coal bings of East Fyfe and taking over Preston N.E. at Deepdale.

During the last fortnight Hibs., although beaten 3-2 in Brussels, was acclaimed by the Belgians as the best-ever team to play in Belgium. To keep Eddy Turnbull from scoring from a free (indirect) eight yards from goal the entire opposition side lined up on the goal line. There wasn't room to post a letter and in an attempt to get it in off or through one of the players he shot the ball straight at the keeper. Can't make the odds any more than 10 to 1 ! !

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In my opinion the match Juventus versus Prahran last Saturday was the fastest and incidentally the noisest yet. It was packed with excitement which onlookers helped to fan with cheers and whistling! Players were falling like mushrooms mown down. (Two Juventus men are in plaster.) First aid men must have been very tired at the end of the day, but the most tired man on the field surely must have been the Prahran goalie, Peter Ewing. He worked very hard and saved many a goal.

Among enthusiastic barrackers for Prahran were Mrs. J. Paul, looking slim and chic in a bird's-eye brown costume exquisitely cut; with it she wore a brown hand-knitted jumper. Another smart supporter of the same team, and sitting next to Mrs. Paul, was Mrs. George Stevens, wife of Prahran selector. She wore a tailored suit in dark grey with a pleated skirt; a yellow scarf crossed over one shoulder, and a matching yellow beret set off the grey beautifully.

Talking about Prahran supporters, I was right in the middle of them! What with the mother and sister of Brian Thomas (Mrs. W. Thomas and Beverley) on my left and Mrs. Alex Barr alongside, I was scared stiff to applaud whenever Juventus scored a goal! But at interval I spotted a very smart woman who looked like a Juventus supporter and I was right. She was Mrs. M. Gatti, married to an Italian who has lived here for the last three years, and is now taking his young attractive wife back to the beautiful "Roma" in Italy. She told me she speaks in Italian only one word, "Gratzias." I assured her that with that particular word she will get on well! (That and her locks!) Mrs. Gatti wore a very smart donegal sports coat, with high collar, and a scarf tucked in at the throat; with that taste in dressing she won't be far behind the smart Italian women. Met Mr. G. Hooper, a delegate to Council for Latrobe Valley Association. They have seven teams and a very enthusiastic following of Scotch and Continentals. At present they are arranging a match with the winners of last year's World Cup (Scotland). This will take place on the Coronation Day, June 2. They are also trying to organise a ladies' committee. The ladies in particular are great followers of our Soccer News, and I was gratified to hear that they read "The Feminine Angle."

BILL FLEMING RECOVERING

Readers will be pleased to hear that Bill Fleming is now recovering from the sudden illness which caused him to be missing from soccer for a couple of weeks. Bill and his good wife wish to thank all those kind friends who went out of their way to ring his home to ask after him during his absence.—EDITOR.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

After an idle Saturday (Anzac Day) King Soccer has hit the trail again and the leather chasers are on the job.

The South Hobart v. Caledonian's game will never be written down as a classic. It was a match that failed to rise to the heights expected. South Hobart's bustling tactics and first-line tackling completely upset the Scots. Inaccurate distribution and aimless kicking, with only brief interludes of real soccer, seemed the "motto" for the day. To the goals scored, young George Arnott, ever up and ready, pounced on a miskick by a Hobart defender to put his side in the lead. Minutes later Oakes tamed the leather, inch-taped the pass and volleyed a screamer over the bar.

Minutes later a mis-kick by a Caledonian defender and Dolliver pounced on the ball to drive home and put South Hobart in the lead. A penalty awarded to Caleys and Alexander struck the goalkeeper with the ball; on the rebound, Bobby rushed in and with a magnificent header equalised. In so doing he was severely injured and conveyed to hospital—a pure accident. The half-time scores of 2-2 were not increased and a drawn game resulted.

Goal Scorers: Caledonians—Arnott, Alexander (penalty). Sth. Hobart—Oakes, Dolliver.

Metro v. Bronte Park.—The champions atoned for their recent reverse by defeating Bronte 10-2. Ah! me, oh, my! "Revenge is sweet".—Like sweet music in thine ears. With all fairness to the Bronte boys, they were minus their usual defence, and to add to their misfortunes, Newall (goalkeeper) pulled a muscle in the first 15 minutes and retired for the remainder of the game. It was a field day for Metro, but the forwards (Bronte) must be commended for their courageous fights. Cashman's goal in the closing minutes had the hallmark of class. A head high ball came over and Harry Wise (Metro goalkeeper) was positioned to clutch, when the Park centre with a corkscrew header sent the ball flying into the corner of the net. The fans gave him a great ovation.

The Metro scorers: Harmsen (3), Dance (3), Acquaroff (2), Carver (2) and Arnold. Bronte: Clasper (penalty), Cashman.

A.N.M. v. Sandy Bay.—A reasonably good game with many new faces being introduced. The Bay had Goodall and Turner, of Wanderers, and Patrick (Fairfield), whilst the man to capture the eye in the A.N.M.'s formation was Royano. (Congratulations, Messrs. Durose and Watt; I am informed you have a capture here.) The goalkeeping of Mann (Sandy Bay) was of a very high standard. What say you, Fred (Reice)? You atoned for that penalty miss by scoring the second time.

The half-time score: Bay, 2; A.N.M., 1.

The second half was a pacer and level pegging, 3-3 with only minutes to go. Bay gained the win in the closing minutes.

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Scorers: Sandy Bay—Burgoyne (2), Goodall and Benson. A.N.M.—Reid (penalty), Ryparko (2).

Mr. J. Truesdale, secretary of Caledonian F.C., will visit Melbourne in the near future with a view to arranging an end of season game. Are you listening, Moreland?

Mr. Michael (vice-president), of the Association, is gravely ill and no visitors are meantime allowed. Had a pleasant soccer discussion with Mr. Moffat, treasurer of South Hobart today. Say George (Cracknell), you sure have a great band of enthusiastic officials around you!

J. Morrison (ex-Canadian) and now coach to Sandy Bay will certainly pay dividends before long. Jimmy has added a few new signatures and vigorous training is now the order of the day. Good luck, Jimmy. Caledonian's loss is the Bay's gain. Was surprised to learn that Mr. Blackburn (Metro Manager) had spent 20 years in England and was personally acquainted with that famous off-side king, Bill MacCracken (Newcastle United).

Bronte Park with its razzle-dazzle rig-out and "mixed grill", is, in my estimation, a team that will go places before the season ends. A great bunch of boys and Mr. Restaly (Secretary)—a very amiable fellow.

Latest News Flash.—Called on Bobby Alexander. Whilst suffering a little pain he expects to have stitches removed and to be in his regular place today. Just can't keep a good man down! Jock McFie, centre-half of Caledonians Reserve string, playing great stuff.—Early promotion must come.

In reply to "Bridgeton" (Cheltenham), Bobbie Alexander played with Mavis and Coulsons Amateur League team, Glasgow, and what an amateur. Brian Anderson is a product of London Schools football and a dandy, too.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

BRONTE PARK S.C.—Secretary now is Mr. W. M. Scott, C/o H.E.C., Bronte Park, Tasmania.

RESULTS.—Clubs are asked to communicate results of matches, scorers and best players to the Secretary (Phone 3470) between 4.45 and 5.30 p.m. on Saturdays, so that they can be passed on promptly to the broadcasting stations and the press.—F. N. JOUGHIN, Hon. Sec., S.T.S.F.A.

THE LOST LEGION—Continued

It must be remembered that the junior champion who does find a place in a senior team is faced with a grave pyschological problem. Gone are the adulation, adoration, and applause. In their place is a rude awakening that maybe he is not a soccer player after all. The setting up of an intermediate league would allow the lad to develop and mature gradually, and soccer in Victoria would be enriched.

It is far more important to train the colts well than reach out eagerly for imported players. The intermediate league would be a never-ending source of supply and—if the long-awaited coach ever materialises, here would be his most valuable material.

Reg Flewin, captain of England, during his Australian tour in 1951 went out of his way to coach, encourage and advise the juniors. Only recently I saw Harry Sutherland running the line for his junior team before he led Brighton on to the field in a First Division match. That is the right attitude, but it is wasted unless we round up the lost legion and provide them with their rightful place in senior soccer, when they are no longer eligible to play as juniors.

In the very near future and in the years ahead we are going to need this lost legion. Perhaps the intermediate league may be the solution. This is not a problem to be shelved. Once we have reared our chicks, we must retain them—not lose them.

HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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TRANSFERS INFLATE AGAIN

Hardly has the English transfer market settled down to something like sanity when Manchester United pay Barnsley £30,000 for Taylor. Barnsley will need the money—it has just dropped ingloriously into the 3rd Division.

PARSONS COACHING WHAT?

Frank Parsons, N.S.W. centre-forward, whose "unusual" tactics caused such a sensation at the Interstate carnival last year, was reported to have retired from the game. "Coming back" (like Melba) this year with Leichhardt-Annandale Frank was "sent off" again recently. Currently he is reported to be studying to be a N.S.W. official coach.

"I DREAMT I DWELT IN MARBLE HALLS"

No need for Bristol Rovers' players to hum the above well-known line. This week play will be against Cardiff City in the grounds of Beaufort House, palatial home of its President, the Duke of Beaufort. Queen Mary stayed there during the war, and the changing rooms will be the sumptuous bathrooms, done out in marble. Added interest to the game now is that Bristol Rovers has won the 3rd Division Championship. (Am I chirping!)

NUNN TRANSFERS

Bunny Nunn, Queensland and Australian centre-forward, has this year transferred from his old club Caledonians. Currently Bunny is playing with St. Helens.

GLAMOUR BEFORE THE GAME

When the Americans played an American football game at Wembley a few months ago, before the start there was a glamourous parade of high-kicking drummer girls. Now some English fans want the same before their own matches to enliven the long wait.

ARSENAL AGAIN

Arsenal won the Division I championship in England again this season by a fractional goal average from Preston North End. Arsenal needed to win the final fixture against Burnley to win the championship and did so by three goals to two.

CORONATION CUP

Among the four Scottish clubs chosen to take part against famous English sides in the Coronation Cup were the League and Cup winners, and Glasgow Rangers. Now it looks as if two other clubs will be chosen, Rangers going after the "double".

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Alex Barr was indeed right when he spoke of East Fife's successful team in England to play floodlit football. One game against Bristol City, only a 3rd Division club, drew more than £3000. Nice pickings for a friendly match.

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LACHMANN (Victoria), shown lying down after receiving a minor injury in the interstate match, receives help from his team-mates, Ressler (left) and Roubel (right). South Australian goalkeeper Ritossa can be seen showing his injured hand to the referee (Mr. F. Kent). Beside him is Zlamal (S.A.). *(Photo by G. Niesemann)*

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UNPREDICTABLE CHELSEA

Favourites of the Football Public

By WALTER PILKINGTON,
Sports Editor of the "Lancashire Evening Post"

To be favorites of the fickle public a football team must be wayward, yet attractive, courageous in adversity, a glamorous enigma. The only such problem child of London football is the unpredictable Chelsea, perhaps the only one of the great English clubs who have never won anything but the goodwill and sympathy of football followers all over Britain. When Chelsea are in an English Football Association Cup semi-final everyone except supporters of the rival team hope they will win it. Chelsea have appeared in six semi-finals and won only one. Needless to say they then lost in the final—and that was nearly 40 years ago.

In the English Football League third place is the nearest Chelsea have been to championship honors. That was 33 years ago. And even when winning promotion from the Second Division, Chelsea had to be content three times with second place instead of finishing as champions. That was how Chelsea became a music-hall joke through the years, but there was never a cutting edge in the humor, only a touch of satire. What it amounted to was that no one knew what Chelsea were likely to do next. If, for example, a situation arose in which Chelsea, struggling at the foot of the First Division with everyone prophesying a long delayed drop into Division II, had to visit the League leaders to play a Cup-tie, the odds obviously would not be on their winning. Trust Chelsea, however, to upset all the forecasts.

A Great Feat

Something like that happened this year to enable Chelsea to join Arsenal and Tottenham in proudly carrying the London banner into the fifth round of the Cup. Irrespective of the outcome of the subsequent test, Chelsea's performance in beating the so much more fancied West Bromwich Albion must rank as one of the great feats among this season's many Cup surprises. They really had more to gain by losing, on the surface, as a defeat would have left the team free to concentrate on safeguarding their League position.

But what did their manager, Ted Drake, famous in his football days as Arsenal's centre-forwerd, say of this? "We will do our utmost to win," he said, "for Cup success can produce the confidence that Chelsea need to

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UNPREDICTABLE CHELSEA—Continued

advance in the League." Chelsea won and will never have a harder test. Four games were needed. In the third replay Chelsea scored four goals in the second half without reply. Stamina and grit pulled them through their fourth game in eight days.

There is hope for any team possessing such determination, but what hope is there for the realisation of that football dream of many fine clubs in the past 50 Cup seasons, the elusive Cup and League double? The Albion had a chance of it, but now must wait another year at least. So must Wolverhampton Wanderers, Preston North End, and Sunderland. One by one the teams in the running for double glory fall between twin ambitions. The wit would say, "Ah, but Chelsea could achieve a double of another sort—a Cup triumph and relegation to Division II!" If this happened Chelsea probably would feel it was worth it, but believe it or not, it once very nearly did. Manchester City played in the Cup Final of 1926, lost to Bolton, and relegation put added bitterness into their defeat. Happier was West Bromwich's experience five years later: they won the Cup and promotion, too, in the only Second Division double on record. Huddersfield Town and Burnley had opportunities of doing likewise, but went into the First Division as defeated Cup finalists.

Last Achieved in 1897

As football has increased in speed and tension with keener competitiveness through the gradual levelling of ability in the majority of sides, the alluring double has become almost an impossible task. There is little chance of any side, however good, accomplishing it unless enjoying a big lead in the League by the end of February. Cup ties cause congestion of fixtures, and the cramming of numerous games into a restricted period, coupled with the strain of reaching the Cup Final, inevitably tell against a repetition of a feat last accomplished by Aston Villa as long ago as 1897.

Eight clubs have been within sight of the double goal in the last 30 years, but all failed. Huddersfield, Wolverhampton and Arsenal have been beaten finalists and League runners-up. Manchester United five years ago won the Cup, but finished second in the League. Preston North End and Sheffield Wednesday were Cup winners and third in the League, and in the last two seasons Blackpool and Arsenal, losers in the Cup Final, also reached third place in a bid for the championship.

In this season's fifth round five clubs were candidates in the eternal quest. The glittering prizes, which are the best football can offer, beckon them on, but will they once again prove a mirage?

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER IS COSTLY

By F. R. DRUERY
Secretary of the Australian Soccer Football Association

Perhaps we often wonder why Australia does not have an abundance of international visits, particularly in view of the fact that the game of soccer is played in every part of the world.

Geographically, Australia is in a bad position for international football; consequently costs play a big part in the organising of a tour, likewise the travel time factor.

The greatest international draw in Australia naturally is England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales, so close by air but yet far from us in the football sense.

Teams from Great Britain have a very short rest period between seasons, practically only a matter of from six to eight weeks and to travel to Australia for the purpose of playing fourteen to twenty matches, and be back home in time for the opening of the football season, is no mean effort.

Let us take, for instance, what was involved in connection with the English professional tour of 1951.

It took the A.S.F.A. some time to convince the Football Association of England that a team should be sent to Australia notwithstanding the facts that the only previous professional visit had been in 1925 and the only amateur visit in 1937.

The actual cost of the 1951 tour was £51,087. Of this amount the team absorbed £24,037 in travelling and allowance expenses, and £3934 in accommodation expenses. Other items that weighed heavily were £6838 for ground rents, and £7844 for entertainment tax.

Unfortunately, the Australian Soccer Football Association does not possess an abundance of funds to promote these tours and is compelled to rely upon the State associations of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for the bulk of its finances.

In this particular tour, however, the Football Association of England required an initial amount of £12,000 lodged in London before the team could leave for Australia. To an association like our own, that sum surpassed even the most optimistic member, as the limit of the association's funds could only be assessed at one quarter of that amount. Eventually the association was able to obtain an amount of £4000 sufficient to cover the assembly, dispersal, equipment and insurance expenses of the team to enable it to leave England. The final £8000 had to be, and was, obtained through personal guarantees and with the very generous assistance of the airway company which transported the team.

This briefly indicates the financial difficulties associated with the acceptance of a team, but it is in effect a small item compared with the worries that come after the arrival of the team, when so much money is required in such a short space of time to keep the tour running smoothly.

Quite a number of invitations have been extended to continental teams to tour Australia, but the time factor in their cases are more acute than those operating in Great Britain. Continental teams prefer to have teams from Great Britain on short tours rather than travel great distances such

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as to Australia, and in the case of the shorter tour the financial risk is almost non-existent.

It is quite common for ten teams from Great Britain to be touring Europe at the same time during the closed season, because of the short time involved and also because it is more lucrative.

To encourage visits from European and American teams, the A.S.F.A. has offered as much as 75% of all net gates, but even these terms are apparently not inducive enough. Counter propositions from these teams were along the lines of set guarantees and all expenses paid, which were usually beyond the capacity of the Australian body.

The Australian Soccer F.A. is always continuous in its efforts to encourage international teams to visit this country, and these negotiations are in progress all the year round, the hope always prevailing that in due course some country will be interested enough to travel farther afield.

Notwithstanding all of the difficulties associated with the encouragement of international football, we have seen in Australia since 1923 the following international visitors:—

China, 1923-1927-1941; Canada, 1924; England Professional, 1925-1951; England Amateur, 1937; Czechoslovakia, 1927; India, 1938; Palestine, 1939; South Africa, 1947; Jugoslavia (Hadjuk), 1949; and on several occasions New Zealand.

Australia has also sent its teams to New Zealand on several occasions, to the Dutch East Indies in 1931; to New Caledonia in 1933; and to South Africa in 1950.

It is most unfortunate that Australia is so far afield geographically so far as international football is concerned, but despite that, the Australian Soccer Football Association Ltd. will ever remain active in encouraging international teams to visit this country, because we believe that is the only way in which we can ever expect to earn world recognition.

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THE ENGLISH SCENE

By TED PRIDGEON

My recent feature article (Soccer News, 18/4/53), in which I dealt with the danger of Cardiff City being relegated from the English First Division, brought a very interesting letter from Len Todd, Editor of Queensland's Soccer News.

Len rightly points out that when I wrote the article I was well behind with my English League tables, inasmuch that today Cardiff has managed to climb sufficiently high in the table to secure itself against going down. No one is more glad than I, because Cardiff, as I pointed out originally, is the only team representing Wales in the higher sphere of English soccer. The team must have put up a grand fight to get out of danger, and indicative of this is the fact that on March 7 Cardiff went to Highbury and took two points from Arsenal with a 1-0 victory! This was followed up with a firm win against Derby by two goals to nil.

Ivor Allchurch was mentioned in my article. Cardiff had approached Swansea with a £30,000 offer for the golden boy, but no dice. I am now able to report that Allchurch will not be leaving Swansea. You can take that as definite. Allchurch is happy where he is. What a difference Ivor would have made to Cardiff! However . . .

Many thanks for your letter, Len.

IN BRIEF

It would appear that in recently signed Hugh Gerhardi, Liverpool has made one of its finest captures for many years. A leading soccer critic writes to say that he may well develop into one of the most outstanding centre-halves in his generation. Gerhardi is a South African.

Billy Liddell, Scottish international left-winger for many years (a holder of the outside-left berth for Liverpool), has been converted to the centre-forward position. Says Billy: "It is a change to play centre-forward and I like it." Billy has always felt that a player should be able to figure in more than one position.

Must tell you this one. It is about the half-back under orders to "stay with" the opposing winger in an international match. "Stop him sending the ball over at all costs," he was told. And so he did. Wherever the winger went so did our friend—just like the proverbial shadow. Ten minutes to go and the ball was booted off the field of play. No ball boy was near to retrieve it so the winger, anxious to save time, ran to fetch it. A roar rose from the 80,000 spectators when the half-back, unthinkingly, followed him off the field—still as close to him as a brother!

This is likely to be Jackie Stamp's last season as a member of Derby County's (senior team) attack. Rumour has it that he will be replaced next season by Jack Parry.

Think you're getting too old for soccer? Full-backs Lewis Brook and George Hardwick, both with Oldham Athletic, began Football League professional service in May, 1936 and May, 1937 respectively. Like "Johnnie Walker" they're still going strong! All that remains now is for some

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type to write in and ask me who "Johnnie Walker" is! Tell 'em, Duncan McDougall.

Thirty-seven year old Vic. Buckingham, the former Tottenham Hotspur player, has been appointed team manager of West Bromwich Albion. Vic. secured this post in the face of strong competition. Albion, by the way, runs no fewer than eight sides! It has a complete team doing military training.

Players, supporters and soccer enthusiasts the world over will congratulate Blackpool's Stanley Matthews on attaining a Cup winner's medal. I wholeheartedly add mine, but can't help wondering if the maestro will now be tempted to hang up his boots. His has been a most glorious innings, but I hope there are still some runs left in his boots!

* * *

How's this for top-flight, down-to-earth advice? Say-eth Stan Cullis, manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers and one of the greatest centre-half-backs ever to wear an English jersey:

"When I played I treated my opponents as my enemies for the whole 90 minutes. The time for shaking hands is when you get back to the dressing-room!"

Stan was giving forth on his annoyance when seeing players shaking hands on the field after an infringement. Can't say I wholly agree with him!

* * *

Charles Buchan, soccer commentator, has expressed a solid opinion that the visit of the England international team to Argentine next month should be cancelled in view of the recent riots at games there. He favors giving the youngsters of the Commonwealth an incentive and a pattern to copy by sending out a team including men like Billy Wright, Alf Ramsey, Jim Dickinson, Tom Finney and Nat Lofthouse. Couldn't agree more—particularly as New Zealand was by-passed on the F.A. tour in 1951 and hasn't had a visit from an England team since 1937!

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V.A.S.F.A. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Disciplinary Meeting, 30/4/53—

The following decisions were made:—

C. Vesovic (Hakoah). Not proven.
R. Lawrence (Fairfield). Not proven.
J. Rhodes (Moorabbin). 12 weeks' suspension.
J. Bolton (South Yarra). 3 weeks' suspension.
Derda, Zoul (Slavia). Suspended until next disciplinary meeting.

Third Division.—Williamstown—Secretary is Mr. J. McQuillen, 1 Nelson Place, Williamstown. Tel.: ML 5101.

Year Books—

Notice is hereby given that no returns will be accepted from clubs as from 9/5/53.

Payments to Association—

Several clubs are still making payments to the V.A.S.F.A. by postal notes, money orders and cash. All payments in future must be made by cheques.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

A VICTORIAN ELEVEN TO PLAY SUNDAY, MAY 10

Goddard (Hakoah)
Jack (Hakoah) Mouchka (Hakoah)
Weymess (Moreland) Clarke (Hakoah) Drennen (J.U.S.T.)
Hardman (Moreland) Lachmann (J.U.S.T.) Copeland (Hakoah) Sutherland (Brighton) McKenzie (Brighton)

Reserves: Heath (Moreland), Thomas (Brighton), Sharp (Moreland), Jack Wilson (Brighton).

Victoria will play the following games on its team's visit to Queensland:—

Saturday, May 30—Queensland.
Sunday, May 31—Country Districts at Bundamba.
Tuesday, June 3—Queensland.

Referee's Query Corner

D. Snaraj, of Richmond writes, "If a player takes a free kick, is he allowed to kick the ball behind him?"

Answer: This is rather ambiguously worded. But a player, in taking a free, may kick it in any direction he cares, but a Place Kick and a Penalty Kick MUST be kicked towards his opponent's goal; in other words, forward. I refer you to Soccer News of 2/5/53 about forward kicking, etc.

Would the Englishman from Ballarat, a referee, who wrote to me a week or two ago please communicate again. I humbly apologise I have mislaid your letter.—FRANK S. WESTLEY.

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Around the Clubs

ASTORS (New Members of the 3rd Reserve League)

On our previous four games we have been beaten, due mainly to our lack of experience, and probably to team changes to improve our defence. Last Saturday we played Ukrainia and held them to a 3-3 draw, despite an injury to our goalkeeper, who had to retire. We are looking forward to our first win of the season against Maccabi next week.

We should like to play friendly games with any teams interested. We can now field two teams on Saturday. Letters can be sent to me c/o Radio Corporation, Grant Street, or phone MXY 220 any time between 8 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.—LESLIE WOOD.

BRIGHTON

Last minute withdrawal of centre-half, Ralph Walker, due to a persistent injury, and the loss of Balobanski, who broke his collarbone in the Sunday State practice, caused a reshuffle of positions in the Brighton team against Yallourn last Saturday.

This was no excuse for the lapses which allowed the visitors to take and hold a 4-3 lead with only ten men. But for the brilliance of Harry Sutherland at centre-forward, Brighton would almost certainly have lost the game. Sutherland pulled a muscle and had to leave the field a few minutes before time, but had scored 4 goals and had a hand in two more, which gave Brighton a 6-4 victory over tough and gallant opponents.

The ladies, despite very difficult circumstances, made another worthy effort and laid on excellent refreshments for the teams and officials after the game. Thank you, ladies.

COBURG UNITED

Coburg met Maccabi at Princes Park and an excellent game delighted the spectators. Final scores: Maccabi, 3; Coburg, 1.

Reserves were beaten by Shell "A" (7-1) at Cole Reserve.

Juniors, Under 14, lost to Essendon, 4-0. Under 15 defeated Brighton, 2-1.

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield, with a considerably weakened team, was lucky to gain the two points from Dandenong.

The Reserves visited Williamstown and gained another two points.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

If Footscray had the team work on the field that it has off, things would look rosy The club's former lean-to shed has been converted into a splendid dressing-room in one Sunday working bee. Cold showers and all have been fitted.—W. H. ROBERTS.

GEORGE CROSS

After an unlucky start in the opening League match, the George Cross went down to Maccabi, 1-0. In the second match against Frankston we drew, 4-4, but in the third League match against Coburg we won, 4-1, and the next (against Moorabbin) we won again, 4-1. With Camilleri, who kept goal with great success for Juventus last year; Trinder, inside-right (a newcomer from England, who used to play for Crystal Palace), and Buttigieg, in centre; and other young players, the club is looking forward to getting back into the 2nd Division.

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JUVENTUS

The Juventus-Prahran game ended in a victory for Juventus. Almost half of the Juventus team were suffering with injuries after the match.

Our Reserve players may not be stars, but the force holding them together is an unbreakable spirit. The same spirit also premeates the supporters and makes them urge on their team with a soul-stirring cry of "Forza Juve."—E. SARTORI.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

South Melbourne club had a real field day last Saturday, when six teams won out of seven matches. The senior team defeated F.N.D., 4-1, but did not find the Navy lads easy. The club will hold one of its popular smoke socials tonight at the Concordia Hall, corner Ferrars and Bank Streets, South Melbourne.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Williamstown lost both points to Northcote last Saturday, 4-1. The Reserves were beaten by Fairfield, 2-0.

QUEENSTOWN (TASMANIA) ASSOCIATION

Although only two teams comprise this Association, a regular roster of home and away games are played. Any club which cares to visit the district can be assured of a good game, for both local teams are of excellent calibre.

Any soccer player in Victoria or Tasmania who is out of work can be assured of a good job in the Queenstown district.

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LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Last Saturday all home teams were defeated. O.C.C., last year's League winners, went down to A.P.M., who now holds pride of place in the League table. Play was good, fast and clean in first half, when O.C.C. "gave" A.P.M. a goal in the first two minutes. Crossing his goal to gather up the ball, the O.C.C. keeper showed disgust when one of his full-backs with A.P.M. forwards at his heels, pushed the ball gently into the goal past the keeper, who was down on his knees. A.P.M. increased its lead when the centre-half received a nice cross from the left wing. With a beautiful drive he beat the home goalie all the way. The second half was marred by the inability of the referee to exercise his powers in stopping the players arguing and holding up the game.

Moe United travelled to East Sale and gave the R.A.A.F. a shock.

The other away team (Morwell) visited Yallourn and overwhelmed the young team that is being managed by Mr. Tom Oddy.

On Sunday, May 10, the first trial match will take place on the Morwell ground. Players not on the ground at 2.30 p.m. will be replaced.

FRANK McIVER, Hon. Secretary.

BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

By CLEM MARTIN

Tallangatta caused the first major surprise of the season last Saturday in beating Wodonga, 2-0.

Play was very even throughout, with the defences on both sides playing good football. Outstanding players for both sides were Murray, centre-forward, and Hange, goal-keeper for Tallangatta, and Mik Bereza, captain of Wodonga, who as usual played a stirling game for his side.

Congratulations to Tallangatta for its first win. Although only a young club, it has already obtained a home ground and christened it with its first win.

Albury City continued its unbeaten run to beat Mt. Beauty United, 6-0. Play for the first 20 minutes was some of the best football seen this season. Headwork by both teams was outstanding.

Mt. Beauty's defence suddenly, for some reason, wilted and City put on 3 goals before half-time. These three goals came from simple, foolish mistakes.

From then on the game was never in doubt and the final score was 6-0.

Outstanding for Mt. Beauty were Humphries and Gallaway and for City, in defence, Mik again proved a tower of strength for the winners.

In a poor, scrappy game, Bandiana beat Central Workshops, 4-0.

Selectors will have a very hard task picking the Association team to play Hakoah in Melbourne. Several players in the Association are worthy of selection and there are sure to be some disappointments when the team is announced.

Latrobe Valley Tables

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
A.P.M.	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Moe United	3	2	0	1	9	5	4
Morwell	2	1	1	0	8	1	3
O.C.C.	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
R.A.A.F.	3	1	0	2	3	9	2
Yallourn	3	0	0	3	0	9	0

Border District Tables

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Albury City	4	4	0	0	25	5	8
Albury United	3	2	0	1	24	8	4
Mt. Beauty United	3	2	0	1	11	7	4
Bandiana	3	2	0	1	12	9	4
Wodonga	3	1	0	2	8	5	2
Tallangatta	4	1	0	3	3	18	2
Workshops	4	0	0	0	1	32	0

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION

Last Saturday the Victoria Police team played a representative Ballarat Association team at Ballarat. We were made most welcome at the ground and both teams were introduced to His Worship the Mayor of Ballarat, who started the game by kicking off. A good attendance was treated to a very fast game, with Ballarat scoring from a penalty in the first five minutes. The Police team, however, playing a very slow game, gradually found that short passing achieved results. J. Hilliker equalised for the Police near the end of the first half.

The second half opened again with a concentrated effort by Ballarat on the Police goal, and despite our goalkeeper Chapman's good saves the home side pulled ahead with a second goal. The Police team then showed better form by forcing the play in the Ballarat half and J. Brown equalised for the Police with a very good goal. By this time the crowd were roaring their heads off. The game became really fast and furious until finally D. Ryan, centre-forward, shot one into the net to make the winning goal for the Police. The final score was, Police, 3; Ballarat 2.

After the game the Police were entertained by the Ballarat side, and wound up a fine day by inviting the team to Melbourne in the near future.

—P. H. BENNETT, Police.

BALLARAT SOCCER ASSOCIATION FIXTURES FROM MAY 15, 1953

May 15—R.A.A.F. v. Venta. Ballarat City v. Hostel Athletic.

May 23—Ballarat City v. R.A.A.F. Hostel Athletic v. Ballarat Paper Mills.

May 30—Bal. Paper Mills v. Venta. Hostel Ath. v. Ballarat City.

June 6—Ballarat City v. Ballarat Paper Mills. Venta v. R.A.A.F.

June 13—Venta v. Ballarat City. R.A.A.F. v. Hostel Athletic.

June 20—Venta v. Ballarat Paper Mills. Hostel Athletic v. R.A.A.F.

June 27—Ballarat City v. Venta. R.A.A.F. v. Ballarat Paper Mills.

Cup dates to be added later.

A. HEMS, Secretary.

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The first match of the season, Rosebud was home to Frankston. The Rosebud ground was perfect. We pride ourselves on having one of the finest enclosed grounds in Victoria. Rosebud could only field nine players, but despite lack of numbers, skill and experience won the day with the score at 7 goals to 2 goals. Frankston's team played well and with a few more games will be a foe to be reckoned with. The club president, A. Brant, was unlucky to break a rib after five minutes of play. As age has slowed him up, this game will be his last.

Rosebud met Army School of Signals at their Mornington ground and after a very keen game ran out winners by five goals to three goals. Rosebud again had to field a weak team owing to the marriage of a player, and duties to two of our soldier recruits. We are delighted at the Dockerty Cup draw to play Moreland, and hope they don't consider us easy, because we hope to win the Cup this year and we don't want to shock them so early in the Cup ties.

This Sunday we play Box Hill in a charity game for Mother's Day Women's Hospital appeal on the Rosebud ground. Kick off at 3 p.m.

Sunday International Soccer

Australian Team: The Australian Team to play in the Laidlaw Sunday International Cup will be selected from the following:—

Harreden (Sunshine United), Drennen (J.U.S.T.), Scott, McKenzie (Brighton), Thomas (Prahran), Nelson (Park Rangers) and Wilson, Fox, Murray, James, Petterson, Cottrell and Howieson (South Melbourne United).

Would any of these players who are not available for these matches, please notify me, and also any other players wishing to play for Australia.

—D. J. HAMILTON, Secretary, South Melbourne United. BJ 3048.

Junior Section

Club secretaries are advised to make the following amendments to their official fixture books:—

Delete wherever appearing in Under 17 (North) fixture lists Hakoah and Brighton "B."

These two teams have now withdrawn.

Clubs due to meet either of these teams will now have a bye on the dates set down in the fixture books, unless otherwise notified of a redraw.

The secretary of Nunawading club is J. Travis, "Cairncroft," Old Belgrave Road, Upwey. Phone (Mr. Faulkiner) MU 9121 (daytime only).

Again, I must repeat that clubs are still failing to phone their results through to the official receiver of results, Mr. Wilshaw (Phone WF 3915). For games played on a Saturday morning, the results should be in soon after completion of game for publication in the early editions of the "Herald." Games played in the early afternoon should also be phoned early for publication in the "Herald."

Failure of the home team to phone the result of the game to Mr. Wilshaw renders the club liable to a fine.

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Clubs are also failing to send their team cards on to the secretary of the Association. The home club secretary is responsible to send the official team card to the Association secretary not later than the following Tuesday. In future a fine of 5/- for each offence will be the penalty.

J. A. OLSEN, Hon. Secretary V.J.A.S.F.A.

NORTHCOTE (WALES STREET) STATE SCHOOL

On Friday, May 1, Wales Street School had their first coaching for the season. The school was coached last year, but this year a fresh lot of boys started. About 16 boys out of a class of 28 were eager to learn the round-ball code. Although lacking in knowledge they were eager to learn, and that means in boys of their age they pick it up with amazing rapidity. It is too early yet to forecast any future stars, but as the season progresses no doubt one or more will come to light. This school will be coached every Friday throughout the season.—DENIS CHAMBERS.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

All but one of South's junior teams had victories last Saturday. South Melbourne's Under 20 team in a curtain-raiser to the senior match against F.N.D., defeated Footscray City, 4-2. The Under 17 (Red) team retained its leadership of the division by a win over Sunshine City, 4-1. The White Team against Moreland was the team to suffer a defeat. The Under 15 team won, 10-0, against Box Hill, while the Under 14's beat Prahran, 2-1.

South's best players were:—Under 20—Keith Simpson was most impressive with his long sweeping kicks. Under 17—Dal Mannering should develop into South's future goalkeeper. Under 15—Huckvale, who travels each week from Berwick, played his best game for the season, and with his keenness should prove an asset to the club. Under 14—Young Davies and Charlie Stevenson were this team's most impressive players.

Junior League Tables as at 4th May, 1953

Under 20 Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	3	2	1	0	9	4	5
Juventus	3	2	0	1	10	5	4
Brighton	2	1	1	0	7	3	3
Box Hill	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Sth. Melb. United	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Footscray City	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
Northcote H.S.O.B.	3	1	0	2	6	9	2
Sandringham City	3	1	0	2	5	10	2
Preston	1	0	0	1	2	5	0

Under 17 (South) Division

Brighton "A"	3	3	0	0	12	1	6
Sth. Melb. (Red)	3	3	0	0	20	2	6
Prahran	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Sunshine City	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Sandringham City	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Polonia	3	1	0	2	2	7	2
Moorabbin City	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
South Yarra	3	0	1	2	2	22	1

Under 17 (North) Division

Moreland	2	2	0	0	25	1	4
Frankston	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Box Hill	2	2	0	0	2	1	4
Nunawading	2	1	0	1	7	3	2
Preston	2	0	0	2	0	12	0
Sth Melb. (White)	3	0	0	3	4	26	0

Under 15 Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sth. Melb. United	3	3	0	0	19	1	6
Sunshine City	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Coburg United	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Moorabbin City	3	2	0	1	1	3	4
Brighton	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Sandringham City	2	1	0	1	4	8	2
Preston	3	1	0	2	1	4	2
Sunshine United	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	3	0	0	3	1	9	0
Box Hill	3	0	0	3	1	17	0

2nd May: Sunshine United v. Sandringham City result not to hand.

Under 14 Division

Sunshine City	3	3	0	0	33	0	6
Brighton "A"	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	12	0	2
Prahran	2	1	0	1	7	2	2
Northcote City	2	1	0	1	3	1	2
Sth. Melb. United	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Coburg United	1	1	0	1	3	11	2
Essendon	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Moorabbin City	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	16	0
Brighton "B"	3	0	0	3	0	18	0
South Yarra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2nd May: Coburg United v. Essendon result not to hand.

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League Tables as at 4th May, 1953

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	5	4	1	0	14	5	9
J.U.S.T.	5	4	0	1	26	10	8
Brighton	5	3	0	2	21	12	8
Hakoah	5	3	0	2	12	10	6
Moreland	5	2	1	2	12	7	5
Prahran	5	2	0	3	12	16	4
Footscray City	5	2	0	3	8	20	4
Yallourn	5	1	1	3	9	15	3
Box Hill	5	1	1	3	6	14	3
Park Rangers	5	0	0	5	5	16	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	5	4	1	0	20	6	9
South Melbourne	5	4	0	1	26	6	8
Polonia	5	3	2	0	17	4	8
Geelong	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
White Eagles	5	2	1	2	7	14	5
Sandringham City	5	2	0	3	11	22	4
Preston	5	2	0	3	8	15	4
Sunshine United	5	1	1	3	7	20	3
F.N.D.	5	0	1	4	6	12	1
Sunshine City	5	0	1	4	6	14	1

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Northcote	5	5	0	0	18	4	10
Fairfield	5	5	0	0	24	6	10
Maccabi	5	4	1	0	9	4	9
George Cross	5	3	1	1	16	9	7
Williamstown	5	2	2	1	13	9	6
Frankston	5	1	2	2	12	13	4
Dandenong Rovers	5	1	1	3	4	7	3
Coburg	5	0	1	4	6	18	1
Moorabbin City	5	0	0	5	8	19	0
University	5	0	0	5	2	23	0

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hellenic	5	4	1	0	34	2	9
Slovakia	4	3	1	0	23	5	7
Victoria Police	4	3	0	1	28	4	6
I.C.I.	5	3	1	1	4	7	6
Maribyrnong	4	2	0	2	21	10	4
Nunawading	4	2	0	2	8	8	4
Slavia	5	2	0	3	8	9	4
Heidelberg	4	0	0	4	3	19	0
Union Jack	5	0	0	5	1	66	0

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN LEAGUE TABLES AS AT 2nd MAY, 1953

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Metro	2	2	0	0	17	2	4
Caledonians	2	1	1	0	11	3	3
South Hobart	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Sandy Bay	2	1	0	1	4	9	2
A.N.M.	2	0	0	2	4	13	0
Bronte Park	2	0	0	2	3	13	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Mt. Nelson	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Metro	2	1	1	0	6	2	3
South Hobart	2	1	0	1	9	5	2
Caledonians	2	1	0	1	4	7	2
Zinc Works	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
University	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

Will the S.T.S.A. please send in their tables **P. W. D. L.**, not **P. W. L. D.**, to come in line with all other tables in this book.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Southern (1st Division)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Granville	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
Leichhardt-Ann.	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Woonona-Bulli	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Cant/Marrickville	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Balgownie	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Bankstown	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Glades/Ryde	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Auburn	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
North Shore	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Corrimal	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

Northern (1st Division)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wallsend	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Mayfield United	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Greta Austral	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Weston	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
East Lakes	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Cessnock	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Adamstown	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Lake Macquarie	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
West Wallsend	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Cardiff	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

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